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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The applicant's assisted the examiners in gaining a better understand of the claimed invention and also clarified the state of technology pertaining to Serial ATA (SATA) and Parallel ATA (PATA) at the time of the invention, by providing a real world example as to how the claimed invention is implemented (e.g. two hosts are connected to and concurrently accessing a single hard disk utilizing SATA standard). The applicant further clarified that there is little to no backward compatibility between SATA and PATA, as PATA lack the 2nd and 3rd protocol layer of SATA and the driver is different between SATA and PATA; the only compatibility between SATA and PATA is certain basic commands are similar.